

REMARKS


The Official Action dated January 14, 2005, has been carefully considered. Accordingly, it is believed the following remarks demonstrate the patentability of claims 31-68, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-68 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,827,981. The Examiner indicated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejection and place the claims in condition for allowance. Filed with this Request for Reconsideration is a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). As such, the rejection has been overcome, Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's rejection and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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